# Small System Treatment Technology Selection

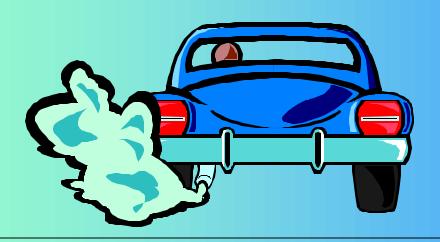


Does the System Really Want to Be in the Water Treatment Business?

## Alternatives to Treatment

- Improve Source Water Protection
- Improve System Operation and Maintenance (O & M)
- Switch to Higher Quality Source
- Purchase Water
- Consolidate



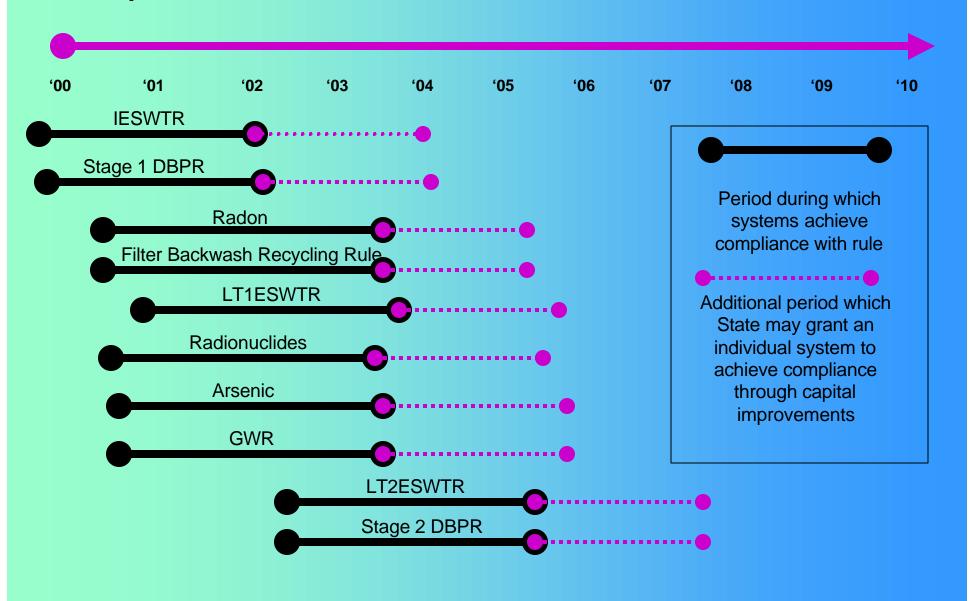


Go Forward with Treatment Selection if No Practical and Economically Attractive Alternatives to Treatment of a Current or New Water Source Exist

## Factors Influencing Treatment Selection

- System Characteristics
- Impact of Upcoming Rules
- Characteristics of Proposed Treatment(s)

## Compliance Timeline



## Characteristics of Proposed Treatment(s)

- Ability to Reliably Achieve Compliance
- Costs (Capital, O&M, Waste Disposal)
- Complexity and Flexibility
- Environmental Compatibility

### System Characteristics

- CWS, surface water, serves 2,500
- Conventional filtration with chlorine disinfection
- Raw TOC averages 3.2 mg/l
- Alkalinity averages 95 mg/l

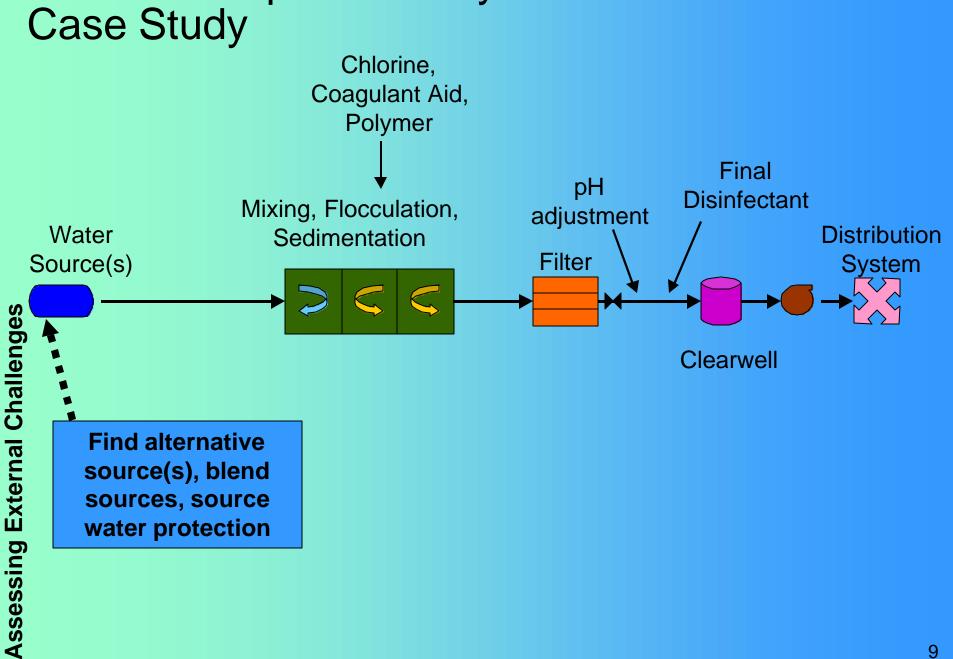
### Compliance Concerns

- TTHMS average 0.085 mg/l
- Treated TOC averages2.3 mg/l
- Turbidity is not less than0.3 NTU 95% of the time
- Turbidity excursions on individual filters

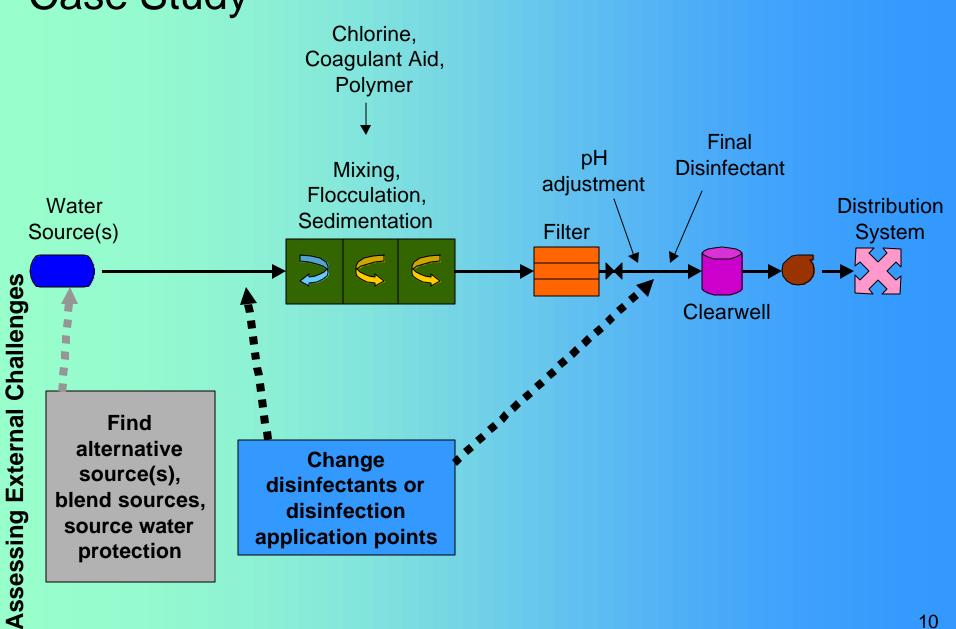
#### Observations

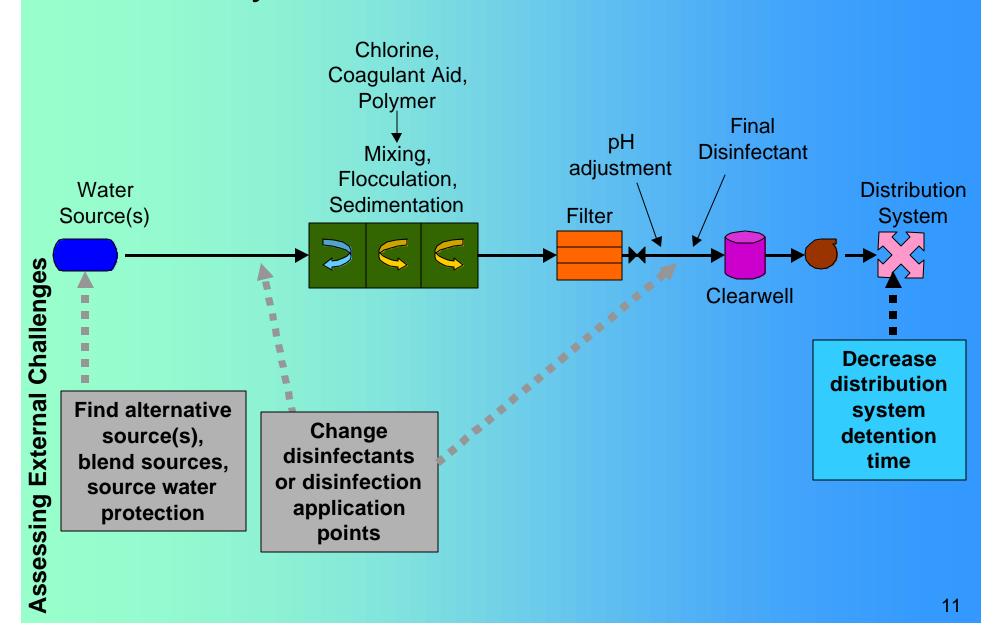
- Must reduce finished water TOC
- Address turbidity

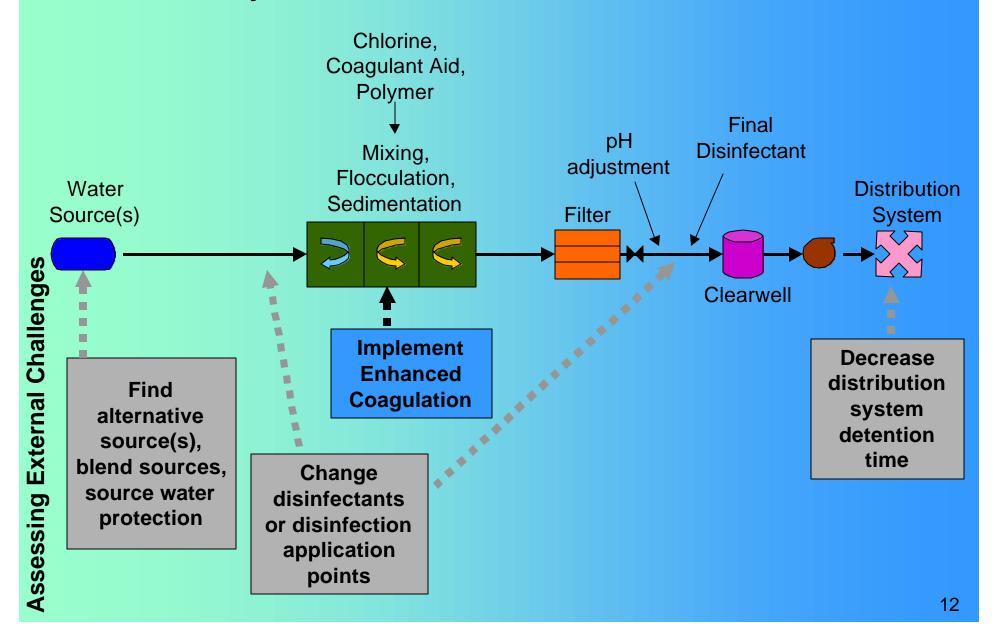
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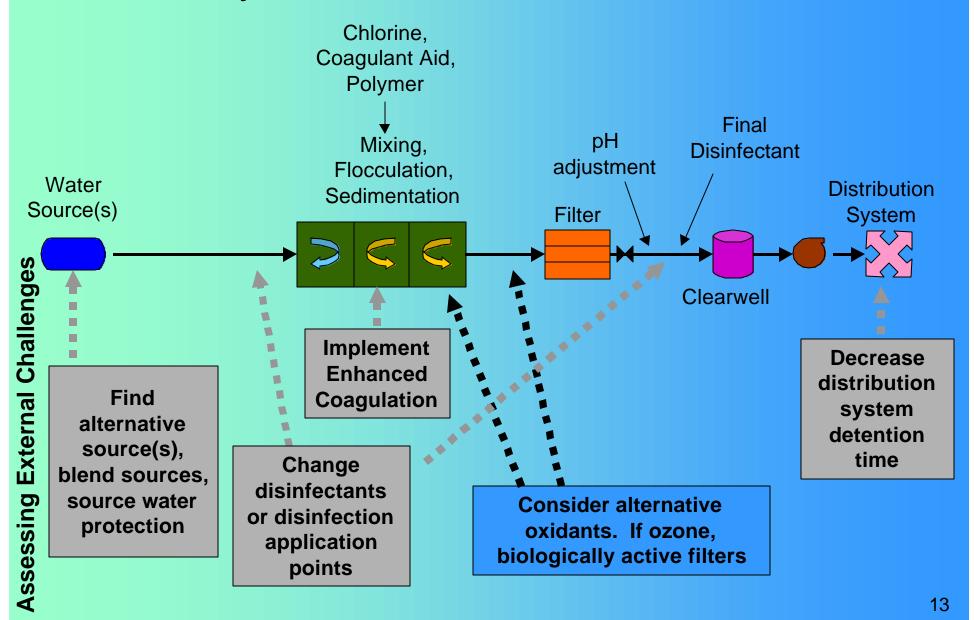


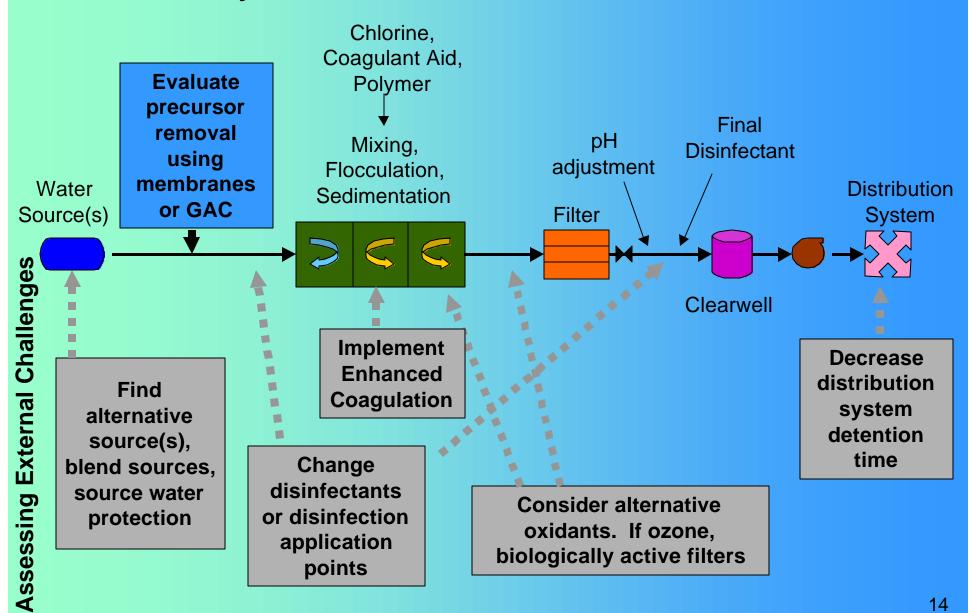
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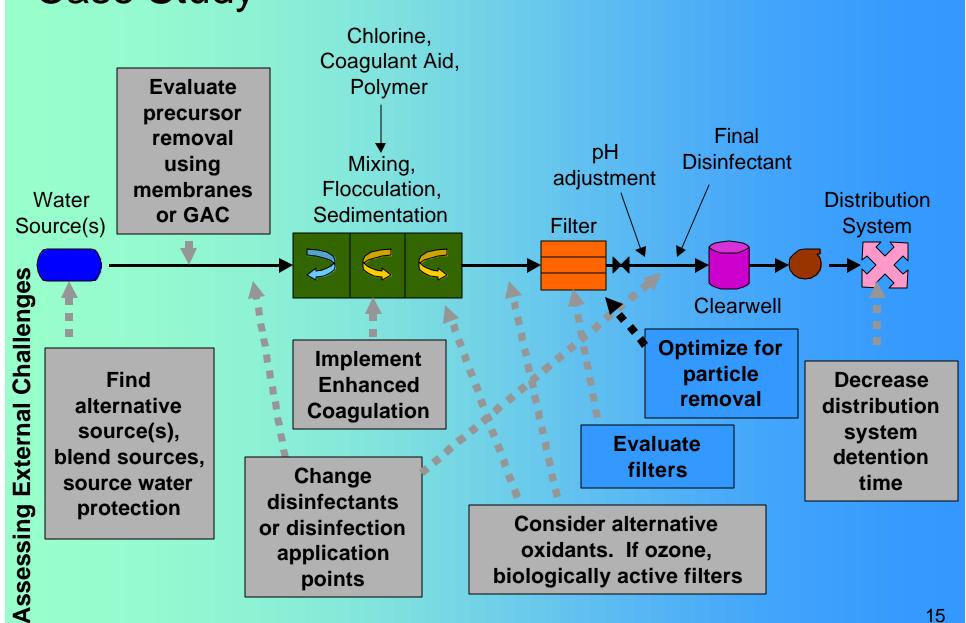












## **Conventional Treatment**

#### Pros:

- Removal capabilities
- Ability to treat
  source waters of
  low or inconsistent
  quality

- Advanced operator
- Adequate land
- High costs
- Sludge disposal



## Membrane Filtration

- RO, NF, UF, MF
- Pros:
  - Removal capabilities
  - Size and flexibility
  - Intermediate operator

- Water rejection (RO & NF)
- Pre-treatments
- Waste disposal (RO & NF)
- High costs



## Ion Exchange

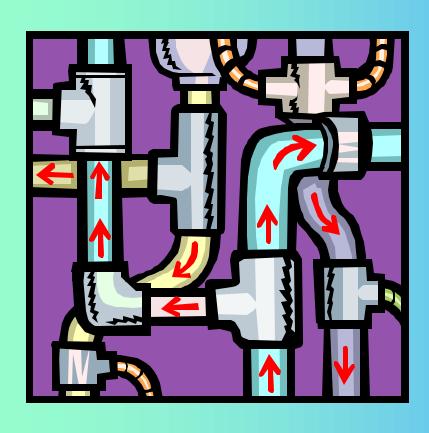
## • Pros:

- High removal rates
- Low cost
- Intermediate operator

- Co-contaminants
- Brine disposal



## Disinfection



- I. Type
  - Chemical
    - Chlorine
      - Chloramines
    - Chlorine Dioxide
    - Ozone
  - Non-chemical
    - UV
    - Membranes
- II. Purpose
  - Primary
  - Secondary

## **Chemical Disinfection**

### Pros:

- Compliance with GW and TC rules
- Low cost (chlorine, chloramines)
- Oxidation

- DBP formation (especially chlorine, chlorine dioxide)
- Additional disinfectant (ozone, chloramines)
- Handling dangerous chemicals

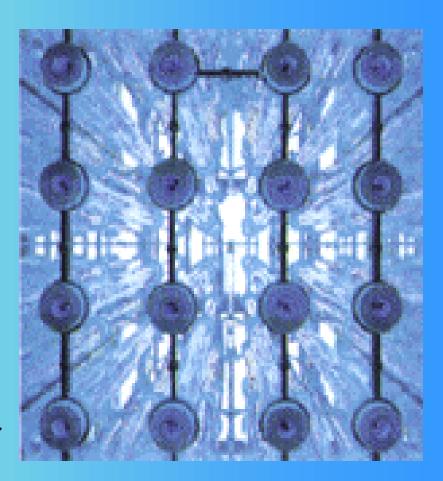


## **Ultraviolet Light Disinfection**

#### Pros:

- No THM precursors
- Easy & safe operation
- Generally low cost

- No residual disinfectant
- Not appropriate for waters high in TSS or turbidity
- High doses required for cyst inactivation will increase costs



## **Granular Activated Carbon**

#### Pros:

- Effective removal of SOCs, VOCs, Radon
- Improved aesthetic quality
- Relatively low cost

- Co-contaminants may interfere with adsorption of selected contaminants
- GAC must be replaced periodically

# Centrally Managed POU

### Pros:

Generally more cost effective for very small systems

- Significant maintenance, oversight, and customer education required
- Not approved for microbial removal



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- Some states may restrict disposal options for certain devices

